

HOUSE BILL 9045

By Ragan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 50; Title 58; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to uniform standards for COVID-19.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Notwithstanding any other law, rule, regulation, or executive order to the contrary, a person who has been previously infected with COVID-19 and is no longer contagious is exempt from a COVID-19 mandate.

(b) A person who is unable to obtain an exemption to a COVID-19 mandate after providing documentation of a prior COVID-19 infection has a cause of action against the person, association, or entity enforcing the COVID-19 mandate and is entitled to damages and remedies permitted by law, including attorneys' fees and costs.

(c) As used in this section:

(1) "COVID-19" means the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, and coronavirus disease 2019, including a mutation or variant of the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, and COVID-19; and

(2) "COVID-19 mandate" means a public or private mandate intended to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and includes a requirement to wear facial coverings or provide proof of vaccination to enter or utilize the services of a business or facility.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.